

*CLAIM AMENDMENTS*

Please cancel claim 10, without prejudice.

1. (Currently Amended) An electrical switch comprising a housing having an opening, a plurality of fixed contacts located in the housing, a switching member supported in the housing for movement, at least one moving contact movable by the switching member for movement to come into contact with and out of contact from the fixed contacts, and an actuator disposed in the opening for movement to actuate the switching member and in turn the moving contact, with a gap formed between the actuator and the opening that surrounds the actuator, wherein a resiliently deformable seal comprising an inner part that is resiliently deformable and an outer part that is considerably thicker than the inner part and surrounds and protects the actuator is connected across the opening and the actuator to seal off the gap, thereby avoiding entrance of foreign matter through the gap into the housing.
2. (Original) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the seal has an extended body length across the opening and the actuator to permit unobstructed movement of the actuator relative to the opening.
3. (Original) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 2, wherein the seal has a folded cross-section providing the extended length.
4. (Original) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 3, wherein the seal cross-section has a U-shaped bend pointing inwards.
5. (Original) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 3, wherein the seal has an intermediate portion between the opening and the actuator, the portion being folded and having a reduced thickness.
6. (Original) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the seal comprises a sleeve having opposite ends connected to the opening and the actuator respectively, a first of the ends being disposed around the corresponding one of the opening and actuator.
7. (Original) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 6, wherein the second end is also disposed around the other of the opening and actuator.

8. (Original) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first end is stretched around a part forming the opening or of the actuator to which the first end is connected.
9. (Original) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first end and a part forming the opening or of the actuator to which the first end is connected have complementary cross-sections mated together.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Currently Amended) The electrical switch as claimed in claim ~~[[10]]~~ 1, wherein the outer part is substantially cylindrical and contains substantially wholly the inner part.
12. (Currently Amended) The electrical switch as claimed in claim ~~[[10]]~~ 1, wherein the inner and outer parts together have a Z-folded cross-section.
13. (Original) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 1, being a pushbutton switch.